NHs in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

†1134. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been prepared for the development of National Highways, the details thereof;

(b) whether a few stretches of National Highways in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are still incomplete;

(c) if so, the steps taken to sanction them;

(d) whether the thickness of National Highways in these States is as per IRC norms;

(e) if not, whether Government proposes to work according to prescribed norms; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The development of National Highways (NH) is a continuous process and the works are taken up according to the traffic density and condition of roads, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

(b) and (c) There is about 22.6 km. length of missing link on the NH-78 in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The work for preparation of Detailed Project Report for construction of this mission link has been sanctioned. The total length of missing links on NHs in the State of Rajasthan is about 32 km. on NH-65 and 1.1 km. on NH-11A respectively. The process of land acquisition has been initiated for the above mentioned missing link on NH-65. The work for construction of the missing link on NH-11A has been sanctioned.

(d) to (f) The thickness of the pavements of some stretches of NHs, particularly in the NHs declared since February, 2004, including those in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, are deficient with respect to the standards set in the relevant codes published by the Indian Roads Congress (IRC). Such deficiencies are assessed in detail only when strengthening works on pavements are included in the Annual Plan of works as well as for projects taken up under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and the provisions for thickness of pavements are made on the basis of designs as per IRC codes within the available resources. Works of strengthening of pavements are taken up within the available resources and as per the *inter-se* priority of works. No time frame can be given for completion of strengthening of deficient pavements in the entire NH network due to availability of limited resources.

Utilization of surcharge on petrol and diesel

†1135. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated to his Ministry out of the amount recovered as surcharge on Petrol, Diesel, etc. from the year 2004-05 to till date and the basis of this allocation, State-wise and year-wise;

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